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SUBJ: INTERIOR MINISTER CONFIRMS ARREST
OF 14 GUERRILLA

REF: CARACAS 13346

1. VENEZUELAN INTERIOR MINISTER OCTAVIO
LEPAGE CONFIRMED NOV 12 THAT 14 GUERRILLAS
HAD BEEN DETAINED EARLY NOV 9 IN A
MOUNTANOUS REGION OF MONAGA STATE. HIS
STATEMENT CONTRADICTS THE INFORMATION GIVEN
TO AN EMBOFF BY A RANKING INTERIOR MINISTRY
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2. POLICE AUTHORITIES RELEASED THE NAMES OF
THE 14 ARRESTED GUERRILLAS ON NOV 12.
THE GROUP CONSISTS OF 12 MEN AND 2 WOMEN. ACCORDING TO POLICE
SOURCES, THE GROUP HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ARMED ASSAULTS
ON SEVERAL FARMS, INCLUDING ONE OWNED BY MONAGAS
GOVERNOR MARTIN MARQUEZ ANEZ, IN THE REGION.
INTERIOR MINISTER LEPAGE SAID THE GROUP'S
MEMBERS WILL BE TRIED BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL
FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. LEPAGE MAINTAINED
THAT THE GROUP WASNOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN
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THE FEB 27 KIDNAPPING OF US INDUSTRIALIST

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3. COMMENT. WHILE TERRORIST ACTIVITY PER SE HAS
FOR THE MOST PART DIED OUT IN VENEZUELA, THERE
HAS BEEN AN INTERMITTENT MAQUIS IN THE
MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS OF MONAGAS AND ANZOATEGUI
STATES FOR SOME TIME.THE ARRESTS NOV 9
MARK THE LARGEST NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS NABBED AT
ONE TIME FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.
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